

REMARKS

Paragraphs [0001], [0008], and [0019] on pages 1, 2, and 5 (respectively) of the Specification are amended to correct typographical errors. Paragraphs [0021]-[0046] on pages 6-10 and 32-33 of the Specification are amended to remove references to paragraph numbers. Paragraph [0075] on page 39 of the Specifacaton is amended to remove “which in turn are defined as including optionally substituted alkyl groups, potentially ad infinitum.”

Claims 1-26 are pending in this Application. Pending entry of the above amendments, Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 24 are currently amended; Claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26 are canceled; and new Claims 27-38 are added.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 are currently amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the claims are amended to incorporate the definition of “substituted” as found on page 40 of the Specification into the description of R⁷ of the group “–A-R⁷.” In addition, the claims are amended to add “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, and 17 are currently amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the claims are amended to add “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification.

Claim 9 is currently amended from dependent to independent form as Claim 9 is broader in scope than the claim from which it depends. All the limitations of the preceding claims have been incorporated. In addition, Claim 9 is amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the claim is amended to add “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification. The claim is also amended to include

the definition of “substituted” as found on page 40 of the Specification into the description of the optional substituents on the “three- or four-atom bridge.”

Claim 12 is currently amended from dependent to independent form as Claim 12 is broader in scope than the Claim from which it depends. All the limitations have been incorporated. In addition, Claim 12 is amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention by adding “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification.

Claim 13 is currently amended from dependent to independent form as Claim 12 is broader in scope than the Claim from which it depends. All the limitations have been incorporated. In addition, Claim 13 is amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the claim is amended to add “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification. The claim is also amended to include the definition of “substituted” as found on page 40 of the Specification into the description of the optional substituents on the phenyl formed from the combination of R⁴ and R⁵.

Claim 18 is currently amended to remove compounds which are now claimed in Claims 32-38.

Claims 19 and 24 is currently amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the claims are amended to add “a single stereoisomer, a single geometric isomer, a mixture of enantiomers, or a mixture of diastereomers thereof,” support for which can be found in paragraph [0086], on page 41 of the Specification.

Support for the above amendments and for new Claims 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 are found throughout the Specification. The above corrections to the Specification, amendment of claims, and addition of new claims are done to particularly point out and distinctly claim what the Applicants regard as their invention.

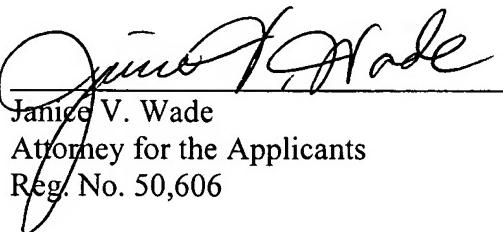
SUMMARY

The Applicants believe that no new matter is introduced with the above amendments and new claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and news claims be entered into the record.

It is believed that no fees are required with the submission of this preliminary amendment, however, should a fee be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1108.

Respectfully submitted,

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